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MPP Can Help Stop the Washing of Gravel with World's Purest Water



Photo left to right: Liberal Candidate Jeff Lehman and Liberal candidate Aaron Cayden Hiltz with Kate Harries

Ontario Liberal candidates Aaron Cayden Hiltz (Simcoe North) and Jeff Lehman (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) attended the Elmvale Water Flow at corner of Flos Ten and Hwy 27. They are in support of local water conservation and protection. The Alliston aquifer supplies our two Ridings with some of the purest water on Earth, and protection of this vital resource is important. Concerns have been raised about development and resource extraction that may jeopardize this local resource, and Aaron and Jeff were rallying and meeting with concerned residents of both ridings to hear resident concerns and show their support for the conservation and protection of local water resources.

Ontario Liberal Candidate Jeff Lehman said, "Tiny Township has dealing with this issue and has passed a resolution in favour of an independent scientific study



Photo: Lynn taking a drink of purest water in the world. Will this resource be gone for the sake of gravel? How does this affect the wells we value?

before there are any more permits to take water and I think that is a very appropriate step. All we are asking for, I think, is for strong evidence based policies that respect the science. We have frankly seen in the past few years how much trouble Government gets into when they don't follow science.

I know this a very personal for you because you live here and get your water here. This is not just a landmark in Simcoe County, this Elmvale Water Flow and is our water. For many of you, this is the place you have chosen to live because of the quality of life it represents and the protection of resources like this one. The commitment I would make as an MPP is that I see the importance of that. We would be here to listen to you. I know Aaron (Cayden Hiltz, Simcoe North candidate), would be the same if we get this chance to represent you after June 2.

I want to thank you for advocating for what's important to you."

Ontario.ca website states, "A guide for completing a Permit to Take Water application form. Section 34 of the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) requires anyone taking more than a total of 50,000 litres of water in a day, with some exceptions, to obtain a permit from a Director appointed by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.". So is the MNR is responsible for this? The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's vision is that Ontarians benefit from the health and wealth of the province's natural resources, today and in the future. The ministry's mission is to sustainably manage and promote the responsible use of our natural resources.

Purpose of the Permit to Take Water (PTTW) Program

Water takings in Ontario are governed by the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) and the Water Taking Regulation (O. Reg. 387/04) a regulation under the Act. Section 34 of the OWRA requires anyone taking more than a total of 50,000 litres of water in a day, with some exceptions, to obtain a Permit from a Director appointed by the Minister for the purposes of Section 34. Requirements of the permit system, including the factors a Director must consider in issuing a permit, notification and consultation, data collection and reporting, are contained in Section 34 of the OWRA and the amended Water Taking Regulation. The Regulation also addresses water takings in high use watersheds and the Great Lakes Basin.

The purpose of the Permit to Take Water (PTTW) program is to ensure the conservation, protection and wise use and management of the waters of the province. Permits are controlled, and not issued if the taking of more water in a given area would adversely affect existing users or the environment.

The requirements of the application form for a Permit to Take Water reflect the Ontario government's continuing efforts to safeguard the province's water supply. Detailed information is requested about individual water takings so that Ontario's water resources may be protected for all users.

"The Director cannot approve applications for new or expanded water takings of specific types in high-use watersheds. Please refer to the 'Create a Map' tool to verify your location with respect to high-use watersheds if you are applying for a new or expanded Permit to Take Water for:

- beverage manufacturing
- fruit or vegetable canning or pickling (but not washing)
- ready-mix concrete (not portable)
- **aggregate processing (to form a slurry)**
- manufactured products, where water is incorporated into products (but not pulp and paper or ethanol" ;source: Basics of applying for a Permit to Take Water (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/guide-permit-take-water-application-form#section-3>)



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The opinions expressed in articles contributed by interested parties and through the 'Letters to the Editor' do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper and/or the editor.

My thanks to Ric Archer and his "Throwback Thursday".

The photo of Mr. David Brown, I believe, would be my Great Great Grandfather. Mr. Garfield Brown was my Great Grandfather whom I knew personally well into my teens in the 70's, until he passed the week after my Great Grandmother, Eva. I recognized the name, "David Brown", from our family bible from 1886. The mention of my Great Grandfather then sealed who the gentleman in the photo was.

My Great Grandparents, Garfield and Eva Brown, used to have a farm west of Waverley and then lived in a bottom floor apartment on the northeast corner of Vasey Road and what was then Hwy 93. They spent their last years in the seniors home "Trillium" in Orillia. I always thought it a privilege to know people that were born in the late 1880's. It would be interesting to know if the horse made it through WWI or not.

Thanks again to Mr. Archer. My Dad, Elmer, was pleased to see the photo as well. I will be showing it to his brother, my Uncle Larry Brown, who lives near Vasey.

Submitted by Steve Brown

Dear Editor,

At the time of writing this, I am visiting my parents in Springwater. I always find these mini-breaks away a wonderful respite from Toronto. I am currently completing my MFA at OCAD-U and spending some time not thinking about art and curatorial theory is always a welcome change. One of the highlights of my visits is always the Springwater News, I love hearing about all the local going ons. The highlight of the most recent edition for me was the update from the Craighurst Women's Institute, sounded like a lovely meeting and I wish I could attend (except for the fact I don't live in Craighurst and I am not a woman). It recently struck me that I would love to become more involved within this fantastic community and I hope this letter will be a start!

Sincerely Samuel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting out in the Community.

It has been a pleasure to get out into the community more with restrictions lifting and events going on. The Provincial Election Candidates are in full swing. Please take the time to talk to them and get your voice heard. They want to hear from you and this is the time to educate yourself with knowledge of what candidate you feel will represent you the best.

We live in such a wonderful area. There are many 'hidden' places that have great local talent. I was visiting the Elmvale Palace during the Thursday night Jam Night. I never stop being amazed with the abundance of local talent in our area. Randy Ball, a local musician, has been running Jam night at the Palace in Elmvale for many, many years. Local musicians never fail to turn up and entertain the crowd. There is a steady following of fans. This little Gem of a Tavern hosts Jam night every Thursday. There is no cover charge, the talent is good and the drinks are inexpensive. Randy Ball does an amazing job of organizing the many artists. Thank you Randy!

Photo below shows the Pub Dogs.



If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

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- 265** in the Wyebridge area L0K 2E0
- 975** in Wyevalle L0L 2T0 including Conc. 8 and some TBRS areas,
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For more information about our services please contact us at:

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New Autism Centre and Farm
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Indoor & Outdoor Play Area

Located minutes from Barrie Beating the Odds IBI & Child Development Services is excited to announce the opening of our new Centre and Farm, opening on June, 23rd 2022. We are offering lots of fun new services in addition to the IBI/ABA services we currently provide.

Local artisan Jennifer St. John

Founder of Social Enterprise Marnie & Michael

submitted by Anne-Marie Hardie

When Jennifer St. John, founder of Marnie & Michael, envisioned building her business, there was no way that she could have anticipated the hurdles she would face. In hindsight, the significance of creating a social enterprise focused on mental health had never been more important.

It was January 2020 and Jennifer had just secured a studio in Penetanguishene to craft her artisan purses, with the first round of renovations completed in March 2020. The purses and bags would be handsewn by local seamstresses and sold both online and in local shops. The online shop would be the bridge to providing mental health resources, including a blog that shares her own personal journey with the hopes of aiding others who faced similar experiences in their own families.

“The pandemic has changed everything with launching a business from production team hires to supply chain issues,” said Jennifer St. John. “It has been a constant dance of trying to build and grow when it feels like the ground beneath you is uncertain and unstable.”

The impacts of the pandemic were not only felt in the business, but within her household, with two children struggling to navigate in this unpredictable new world. “Each child had a different reaction to this new normal and adjusted on their own terms -or never adjusted at all,” shared Jennifer. “My oldest is on the spectrum which added a few more obstacles, and the mental health of both my children were at a low point during the lockdowns.”

Adapting was a necessity, there was no script or mentor that could instruct launching a business and supporting a family during a pandemic, and so Jennifer needed to carve out a new path. Along the way, she encountered several individuals within the community who provided both guidance and support.

“Ask for help-don't feel like you should have all the answers,” Jennifer advised. For Jennifer, this has included connecting with the resources in her children's school Seven Oak Academy, Barrie, enrolling in the HBEC program to learn about launching a product-based business and joining The Social Focus, a course run by Barrie based female business owners.



Upcoming Meet & Greet

Hillsdale

Sunday, May 15, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hillsdale Community Park
4517 Penetanguishene Rd.
Hillsdale, ON

Shanty Bay

Saturday May 21, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Authorized by the CFO for the Jeff Lehman Campaign



MAKING ONTARIO A PLACE TO GROW

Ontario Liberals release fully costed platform

Monday, May 9, 2022 – This morning, the Ontario Liberals released its fully costed platform, outlining a strong commitment to rebuilding Ontario as **A Place to Grow** and tackling the province's affordability crisis.

"After four years of cuts to our public services, it's time for a government that focuses to what matters most – our hospitals, schools, and supporting our working families," says Barrie– Springwater–Oro-Medonte Ontario Liberal candidate, Jeff Lehman. "It's time for a local voice at Queen's Park that will advocate for our community and ensure we all have access to the essential services we rely on."

The plan includes improving public education, clearing the surgery backlog, and revolutionizing elder care. At its core, **A Place to Grow** is about tackling Ontario's affordability crisis and helping families get ahead – including by introducing \$1 transit fares, lowering the cost of food, and make buying and renting a home more affordable.

The fully-costed, fair and forward-looking plan will make life better for the next generation, putting Ontario on a path to present a balanced budget in 2026-27. The Ontario Liberal plan also incorporates the revenue forecasts from the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario and an Ontario Liberal government will undertake an in-depth fiscal review within 100 days of taking office.

For more information on the Ontario Liberal Platform, please visit:

<https://ontarioliberal.ca/platform/>

For more information about the Team Lehman campaign, please visit: <http://jefflehman.ca/>

The Joyce Family Foundation Grants \$1.5M to Establish Endowment for Future Nurses at Georgian



Photo: The Joyce Family Foundation grants \$1.5 million to Georgian College to fund a new bursary program for Honours Bachelor of Science – Nursing students. Assisting with the presentation are (from left to right) Alexandra Aiken, Vice President Sustainability, Georgian College Students' Association; Maureen O'Neill, Executive Director of The Joyce Family Foundation; Dr. Sara Lankshear, Associate Dean, Georgian College nursing programs; Dr. Sandy McDonald, Trustee, Joyce Family Foundation; Barry Ward, Acting Mayor, City of Barrie; Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO, Georgian College; Steve Clarke, Mayor, City of Orillia; Ali Khonsari, Chair, Board of Governors, Georgian College; Chris Gariepy, Frontline Support Advisory Group Co-Chair (Simcoe County); and Stephen Loftus, Member, Board of Governors, Georgian College.

The Joyce Family Foundation announced today that it is committing \$1.5 million to establish an endowment at Georgian College, which will fund a new bursary program for Honours Bachelor of Science – Nursing (BScN) students.

It is the largest gift in support of financial aid that the college has ever received, as well as the largest endowment.

Georgian and the Joyce Family Foundation are united in their shared values around improving access to education and strongly believe the power of education is transformational.

Dr. Sandy McDonald, a member of the Board of Trustees and a local cardiovascular surgeon was at Georgian's Barrie Campus to make the announcement.

"It brings the Board great pleasure to establish a bursary program for Georgian's nursing students, in support of those who are dedicating their career to caring for others," said Dr. McDonald.

Georgian will welcome the first cohort of students into the new four-year nursing degree program launching this September at both the Barrie and Owen Sound campuses.

Four bursaries, with a value of approximately \$4,500 each, will be awarded every year to new full-time students entering the first year of the BScN program, who have demonstrated financial need and have overcome obstacles and adversity. One of the bursaries will be directed to a student who self-identifies as a person with Indigenous ancestry.

Each bursary is renewable each year assuming students remain eligible. By year four, it's anticipated that the endowment will be distributing up to \$72,000 every year to support nursing students.

"We are very grateful to the Joyce Family Foundation for recognizing the importance of supporting those who choose to enter the nursing profession," said Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO of Georgian College. "The need for nurses in our communities is acute and this very generous and transformational investment will go a long way to ensuring that financial need is not a barrier for any future nurses who study in our new degree program. It is critical to preparing the next generation of nurses for our region."

This donation, which is part of Georgian's Frontline Support: Health-Care Heroes Closer to Home campaign will help ensure that financial hardship does not prevent aspiring nurses from pursuing a nursing degree at the college.

For more information on Georgian's Frontline Support campaign and how to give, visit GCHeroes.ca/front-line-support.

New Extended Office Hours

The Township Administration Centre is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. These hours will remain in effect during the Township's five month compressed work week pilot program.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/Live. A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.

Water & Wastewater Billing

Residential water meters have been read by the Township's third-party contractor, WAMCO Waterworks. Bills have been mailed with a due date of May 27, 2022.

Notice of Construction Along Wilson Drive

Please be advised of construction work along Wilson Drive (County Road 53) beginning this spring related to three separate roadworks projects. Residents may experience temporary disruptions or delays due to required lane closures. Every attempt will be made to minimize these disruptions, and access to roads and businesses will be maintained at all times. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead and leave extra time for travel, or take alternate routes where possible.

For more information, visit:
springwater.ca/ConstructionAndClosures

Job Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following job opportunities:

- Farmers' Market Assistant
- Parks and Facilities Operator
- Students, Recreation, Parks and Facilities

For details, consult the job descriptions at springwater.ca/Careers

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Program Management of Roads, Watermains and Sewer Projects of the 2022 State of Good Repair Projects with Options for 2023 and 2024.
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Election 2022

Candidate Information Sessions

Those interested in running as a candidate or registering as a Third-Party Advertiser in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections are encouraged to attend a free information session hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in partnership with Springwater and several neighbouring municipalities.

Date & Time	Location	Details
Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	The virtual session will be hosted via Zoom. All registered participants will receive an email with connection details prior to the session.	Find the registration link at springwater.ca/Election . If you encounter technical difficulties during registration, contact clerks@springwater.ca
Thursday, July 7, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Rotary Place - Orillia Room 100 University Avenue, Orillia, ON L3V 6H1	Seating is limited for the in-person session. Please reserve your spot by contacting Sheila Spring at 705-487-2171 x2140 or sspring@oro-medonte.ca

Candidate Nomination Packages and Third-Party Registration Packages are available at the Township Administration Centre and through the Township's website at springwater.ca/Election. The Nomination Period is May 2 to August 19, 2022.

The 2022 Municipal Election will be held on **Monday, October 24, 2022**.

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Mayor Don's Update



Official Plan Review Update

The Township continues to plan for the future through its Official Plan Review (OPR) process. At this time, WSP (the Township's OPR consultant) has shared final copies of the Phase II Background Studies (Population-Related Employment Market Study, Intensification Strategy, and Bayfield Street Corridor Study) along with a draft version of the new Official Plan and associated mapping schedules. Township staff have provided initial comments on these preliminary materials and expect them to be available for public release and comment in June 2022.

In-line with Council's priority to adopt a new Official Plan within this current term, the following timeline has been proposed to complete the OPR process:

Date	Milestone
Ongoing	Complete draft Official Plan and Schedules
June, 2022	Present Draft Official Plan to Council
June, 2022	Release draft Official Plan online for public review and circulate to approval authority and commenting agencies
June, 2022	Statutory Public Open House
July, 2022	Revise Official Plan based on feedback
August 2022	Statutory Public Meeting
August 2022	Final revisions
September 2022	Council Adoption

I encourage you to get involved in the OPR process by letting us know the issues that matter to you. Opportunities to provide feedback will posted online at springwater.ca/OPR.

Changes to Regional Library Structure

At its April 26th meeting, County Council voted to implement a new Information Library Service (ILS). The ILS will replace the Simcoe County Library Co-operative, which currently provides supplemental services to fourteen municipal public libraries across Simcoe County. The decision to move to a new ILS structure was based on recommendations contained in an external report and made following consultation with the local libraries. The recommendations were brought forward to County Council by the Regional Government Review (RGR) Task Force, which is charged with identifying service delivery efficiencies for the County and its member municipalities.

Under the ILS, taxpayers will see annual savings of \$295,000 moving forward. There will be no downloading to the local libraries, and benefits to the local library branches include:

- Upgraded, cloud-based e-services IT platform
- Upgraded library computers software to Microsoft365 (which will allow for greater IT support and security)
- Speed and direct control over technical challenges by library CEOs through immediate resolution with IT HelpDesk and vendor
- State-of-the-art government grade cyber security threat protection
- Single electronic library card, opening resources for all patrons regardless of municipality supported through reciprocal borrowing agreements
- Continued support with regional procurement efforts
- Elimination of over \$50,000 in licencing fees paid by municipal library branches to the County
- Existing collections of materials owned by the County of Simcoe will be donated to library branches for public access at no cost to the individual municipal branches; this includes multilingual collections

A meeting between the County, Library Co-operative Board and library CEOs to discuss issues and implementation is scheduled for May 17th starting at 9:00 am.

2021 Budget – Unaudited Year End Results

On December 16, 2020, Township Council approved the 2021 Budget & Business Plan. The Plan included gross expenditures and revenues in the amount of \$44.6M. After accounting for all transactions, staff have reported a 2021 tax based operating surplus in the amount of \$1,192,203. The surplus is largely the result of operational savings due to the pandemic and salary/benefit savings/gapping. At its May 4, 2022 meeting, Council voted to allocate the 2021 tax based operating surplus as follows:

- \$36,003 to the Library Capital Discretionary Reserve Fund,
- \$107,074 to the Winter Maintenance Reserve;
- \$155,188 to the Technology Reserve; and
- \$893,938 to reduce the Township's unfunded capital.

2nd Public Information Centre – County Transportation Strategy

Help guide transportation plans in Simcoe County for the next 30+ years. The County of Simcoe is currently developing an update to its Transportation Master Plan that will outline transportation infrastructure needs and priorities to 2051. As part of this process, they are seeking feedback from residents through a virtual Public Information Centre. The input received will help provide direction for the planning, coordination and implementation of:

- a multi-municipal road and transit network,
- active transportation amenities (including bike lanes and trail networks), and
- commuter facilities.

The Public Information Centre is an interactive engagement space containing project display boards, a public opinion survey, and an area to submit feedback and comments. Visit www.simcoe.ca/tmp to access the Public Information Centre. Interested parties have until May 29, 2022 to participate.

Building Safety Month

We rarely question our safety when we are in the buildings where we live, work, shop or play. This is because of the high standard in which buildings in Ontario are constructed. In Ontario, the minimum standard for new construction, additions and alteration to existing buildings is set out in the Building Code. Our Springwater Building Services Department enforces the Building Code locally by examining building plans and specifications, issuing permits and performing inspections through the various stages of construction. In May, we celebrate Building Safety Month to highlight the vital role our Building Officials play in ensuring the safety of buildings and their occupants. Follow along with the Township's social media updates this month to learn about building safety, and what goes into creating a safe and sustainable structure.

Construction Along Wilson Drive

Please be advised that there will be three construction projects taking place at various points along Wilson Drive (County Rd 53) beginning this spring. Residents may experience temporary disruptions and delays while construction is active due to required lane closures. Every attempt will be made to minimize these disruptions, and access to roads and businesses will be maintained at all times.

Project	Location	Timeline
Effluent Main Installation	Wilson Dr and Highway 26	Work is in progress and is expected to be completed in July 2022.
Traffic Signal Installation	Wilson Dr and Snow Valley Rd	Work will commence in May and is expected to be completed in July 2022.
County Road 53 Roundabout	Wilson Dr and Seadon Rd / Carson Rd	The relocation of utilities is currently underway. Construction of the roundabout is planned for 2022/2023.

Residents are advised to plan ahead and leave extra time for travel or take alternate routes where possible. For the safety of workers, everyone travelling through the work sites are advised to take extra care and adhere to the posted signage.

Springwater Swing

We're just one month away from the 14th annual Springwater Swing charity golf tournament taking place on Monday, June 13 at the Barrie Country Club. We still have a number of sponsorship opportunities available for anyone looking to support this great cause while enjoying a fun day of golf. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards physician recruitment, our community assistance program, and other worthwhile initiatives. The \$225 registration fee per golfer includes a round of golf, cart, lunch and a delicious dinner. For registration information and sponsorship opportunities, visit springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing.

*These are my views and not necessarily those shared by Council.
Best regards. Don*

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime

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A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Jan Perrault, Volunteer Writer
Senior Advisory Committee-Township of Tiny

Let's Get Outdoors!

Well, I think spring has arrived! It certainly is nice to see the snow has finally disappeared after a very long winter. Now that it's more pleasant to be outside, there are many opportunities to enjoy activities. Covid has certainly not gone away and personally I still feel more comfortable being outside when I socialize. However, everyone has their own comfort levels. In this article you will find information on some wonderful outdoor pursuits that allow you to socialize, exercise and simply enjoy the outdoors.

Did you know there is an outdoor sport that involves minimal equipment, few rules, available to a wide age range and a chance to socialize? You were right if you guessed lawn bowling. The Midland and District Lawn Bowling Club will be opening in May. It's the perfect time to look into it, as they will be having open houses for newcomers. The open houses will be held on May 24th and May 26th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Then on Saturday May 28th at 1:00p.m. This club encourages newcomers to come out and try the sport. All you need is comfortable clothing and flat shoes. The age range of participants is from 7 to 90 years old! For more information the email is info@midlandlawnbowling.ca, and the website is, <http://www.midlandlawnbowlingclub.ca>. So, give it a try! Another activity that can now be enjoyed outside is Pickleball. Seniors embracing pickleball are attracted to its simple rules and its low impact on knees and joints, and studies have shown playing pickleball regularly can improve fitness levels in seniors. The Township of Tiny is offering Pickleball sessions at the Balm Beach Pickleball Court starting May 16th. The best part is that it's totally free! **To obtain more information please call the recreation department at 705-526-4204 ext. 3 or www.tiny.ca and click on the Programs & Registration tab.**

So, the bottom line is that we have all been isolated in one way or another with Covid in our midst. The winter season has contributed to this isolation. The message seems to be that we have to learn to live with it. Perhaps participating in some of the above mentioned relatively simple actions can lead us out of feelings of detachment from normal life. It's worth a try, with little risk involved!

Programs, Activities & Events

Exciting news! The planning is nearing completion for the 2022 Accessibility and Seniors Symposium, and you're invited.

It is being held on June 1st at the Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession Rd. 8 E.) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a boxed lunch. The agenda will include many interesting topics such as, Independent Living 'how can I stay in my own home' as well as Accessibility updates. And will provide an opportunity to connect with other seniors and have some fun. This event is hosted by the Tiny Township Senior Advisory, and Accessibility Committees. Be sure to put this on your calendar. Registration is required by phone 705-526-4204 ext. 3, by email seniors@tiny.ca, or online at www.tiny.ca/events/senior-symposium, please note this link will be active after May 14th.

Coffee and Connect: Tiny Township offers the Coffee and Connect program until the end of May. Join others in a relaxed, safe and friendly atmosphere each Tuesday to learn and explore. This program runs Tuesdays from 9:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Wyebridge Community Centre. They even provide loaner iPads and refreshments. There are two sessions left, on May 17, learn about password safety. Then, on May 31st Identity theft will be discussed. So, come learn and explore. Transportation is available through Community Reach. To register, contact Lisa at 705-529-1789 or email seniors@tiny.ca.

Charity Golf Tournament: The 2022 Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament will be held on June 17th at Orr Lake Golf Club Hwy. 93. Brush off the golf clubs and register in support of so many worthwhile charities who will be the recipients of the Tournament. At the same time, you will have a chance at winning some great prizes while having a fun day! For information contact jjosiah@tiny.ca or call 705-526-4204 ext. 288.

Communications: A great way to keep informed on what's happening in the municipality is through TinyConnect. You can receive information via text, email, voice or TTY/TDD. There are several ways to register and receive updates, such as online at www.tinyconnect.ca, or phone 705-526-4204 ext. 301.

Transportation: CT Link – a community transportation service for Simcoe residents for medical (priority) and other appointments within Simcoe County and other destinations. If wheelchair assistance is required, advise when booking. To request this service, go online to ctlink.ca or Dial 211 for assistance.

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Joshua Cabral - Elmvale on Front Lines of Ukraine Crisis

The drive to Kyiv was surreal experience.

"Look, T-72..maybe T-90" My driver, Fedir, points out the windshield to a burnt out hulk of a Russian Tank, as he pantomimes the sound of an explosion. "So many were destroyed that we cannot clean them all up. Maybe one day after all this is over, we will." He finishes shaking his head.

Fedir is 23 years old, originally from Ternopil, Ukraine. He was studying in California at UC Berkeley on a scholarship when the Russians invaded Ukraine. And he was a part of the first wave of Ukrainians to return to defend their homeland. Right now, he drives supplies to the cities and front lines to contribute to the Defense of Ukraine.

"I could have stayed in California, but I wouldn't have been a good Son if did." He laughs "I didn't even think about it, there wasn't really a question. I just found myself on a flight to Ukraine, I didn't even know how to fight, didn't know how I could help. But I had to do something."

It's a variation of a now familiar story heard from many Ukrainian and Non-Ukrainians who had come to Ukraine to Fight, Defend, and help in anyway they could.

Today, Fedir and I are delivering Body Armor and medical supplies to a Ukrainian Legion base in Kyiv. We have been on the road for about 10 hours now, stopping at various check points and towns to drop of extra supplies on our way into Kyiv.

Our route took us from Lviv through the remains of the Russian lines that just a week before had almost encircled Kyiv. The destroyed tanks are just one example of the devastation I'd seen on our trip. Others include blown up buildings, water filled artillery craters and most hauntingly, fire gutted civilian vehicles by the dozens.

At the final checkpoint, we hand over our paperwork and passports to the Ukrainian soldiers. They check them over and hand them back with nods of approvals and thanks for meals we dropped off to them (small still hot meals from my friends at WCK)

Within the hour we have arrived at the Ukrainian Base and are offloading our much needed cargo. By tomorrow the gear we delivered will be distributed to the Defenders of Ukraine.

"Now we can relax, Kyiv is safe."

Fedir beams with pride and a big smile as we finally pull out of the base and back on the beautiful streets of Kyiv.

And with so many like Fedir, working tirelessly to help, it is easy to see how Ukraine, it's people and it's culture have endured throughout history.

E.D.G.E. We're Back!

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts are finally having the 1st live meeting since November 2019 (prior to Covid). Thursday, May 26th at 7 p.m. at Elmval Legion is an opportunity for our Horticultural group to meet to hear guest speaker, Anne Brolley. Anne will share ideas on "Perking Up Tired Spaces". She will present suggestions on how to improve perennial beds after the blooms finish and ideas on colourful ground covers. Please note we will now meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. (previously Wed. at 7:30 p.m.). Everyone is welcome and bring your own beverage as we will not be serving refreshments at this meeting.

Also, mark your calendars for:

Friday, June 17th: Elmval Farmers' Market to celebrate Garden Ontario week. Available for sale there will be our Mason Bee Houses and Teacup Bird Feeders.

Thursday, June 23rd: An off-site visit to Sugar Ridge Retreat Center

Thursday, July 28th: Members only Mystery Garden Tour



E.D.G.E. welcomes all former members and interested new gardeners. Come check us out May 26th at 7 p.m. Elmval Legion, 7 John Street.



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Spring Asparagus Soup

With simple ingredients and no heavy cream this delicious asparagus soup is spring in a bowl. Served chilled or steaming, this soup is a lovely first course or make it a meal with the addition of rustic bread.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 bunches asparagus (800-1000 grams)
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) olive oil
- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 6-8 cups (1.5 -2 litres) boxed vegetable or mushroom broth
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt or to taste
- Optional - Shaved or crumbled cheese (i.e., Parmesan, cheddar, gorgonzola, blue cheese) or nutritional yeast (vegan option), for topping
- Optional – Handful fresh herbs (i.e., thyme, dill or basil) for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and stir frequently until the onions are soft and translucent.
2. Bend asparagus stems until they break off. This

will remove the tough, fibrous parts.

3. Cut the tips off one bunch of asparagus and set aside. Chop up the remainder asparagus spears and add them to the large pot.
4. Add the broth, salt and pepper to the pot and bring to a boil. Turn the heat down to low and cover. Simmer for about 20-25 minutes until the asparagus is very tender.
5. While the soup is simmering, add the asparagus tips to a small pot of boiling water and cook until tender crisp. Drain the tips and put them into a bowl of very cold water (i.e., add an ice cube) to stop the cooking process. After 15 minutes drain the asparagus tips again and set aside.
6. Puree the soup with an immersion blender or in a regular blender until very smooth.
7. Chill in the refrigerator or re-heat. Serve each bowl of soup with a few asparagus tips.

Optional- Top with cheese or nutritional yeast and fresh herbs if desired. **ENJOY!**

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Council Meeting Highlights: April 20, 2022
Next Council Meeting: May 4, 2022

Littering By-law Approved

Council voted to rescind the Waste Control Bylaw and adopt a new Littering By-law to regulate littering and dumping on privately owned and public properties in Springwater. To further address this issue, Council directed staff to report on the cost associated with placing no littering signs throughout the Township.

START Project Signage Request

Council approved a request from Scale Nature Park to install five Saving Turtles At Risk Today (START) project signs along the North Simcoe Rail Trail. The proposed signage is intended to raise turtle awareness and increase community engagement on turtle conservation. Staff were directed to request additional sign locations and investigate the cost implications should the signage not be provided by the START project.

Elmvale Village – Extension of Draft Plan Approval

A one-year extension of draft plan approval was granted to the developer of the Elmvale Village Phase II Subdivision. The extension will allow the developer to continue working to address the remaining draft plan conditions and ultimately complete the registration of the subdivision. **Wynstar Developments Inc. Development Agreement**

Council authorized a development agreement with Wynstar Developments Inc. for the creation of four new residential lots at 5 Glen Echo Drive in Midhurst that were conditionally approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal. The development agreement will be subject to the advice and review of the Township’s solicitor, engineer, and staff prior to its final execution.

Commitment to Maintain the Green Belt

As the result of a notice of motion by Councilor Anita Moore, Council reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining the Township’s current Green Belt buffer, but may make considerations for:

1. Any major institutional development/ applications to address a social need to the community.
2. Any major commercial development that would benefit the Township in the corridors of 90, 93, 26, 27 and Bayfield Street.

Springwater has maintained a 1km Green Belt buffer around its perimeter since before 1998. The purpose of the policy is to protect agricultural farmland by restricting new nonagricultural development, with exceptions for minor site-specific infill applications.

Policies/Guidelines for MZO Support Requests to Council

Staff were directed to prepare a report on potential Township policies and guidelines surrounding Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) support requests made to Council. The policies and guidelines would include MZO request requirements, notification requirements, and public consultation requirements. Council also agreed to suspend any decisions on MZO support requests until a policy is adopted. In the interim, Council will be provided with education on various topics related to MZOs.

This summary is not a full representation of the meeting.

For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda.

Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township’s YouTube channel.

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Wyevale News
RuthAnn Caston

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Paylette Stott, Meridan Archer, Chris Stevenson, Sue Brock, Kim Caston, Jack Hamelin, Tanya Archer, Arianna Caston, Sandy Dunsford, Debbie Rowell, Todd Archer, Shayne Large, Kevin Moreau, Collyus Smith, Bill Large, Eric Archer, Craig Caston, Jenna Troughton and Owen Wakelin.

Sympathy goes out to the Embro Family as Linda Ebro passed away. I am sad to say that I lost my sister Helen Multo as she passed away on May 9th after a lengthy illness.

Anyone with news items for the paper, please call me and leave a message.

Craighurst Community is Cardiac Safe



This is Jamie Massie of Georgian Communities, who sponsored the Save Station located on the south west corner of the plaza on the Craighurst Guardian Pharmacy, owned and operated by Brad and Rhonda Bohek.

The Save Station is weather proof, being heated in winter and cooled in summer.

After witnessing a sudden cardiac arrest, call 911, start CPR, and use the defibrillator.

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Upon calling 911, police, fire, and ambulance will be immediately dispatched.

By the placement and use of these defibrillators, and the quick actions of bystanders, you will give the victim the best chance of survival.

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We are all grateful for this gift from Mr. Jamie Massie...and at the same time... hope it never has to be used.

Elmvale Legion



Graham Simmonds accepts new responsibilities as president of RCL Branch 262 Elmvale effective May 03/22. Congrats Graham.

Elmvale 4-H Dairy Club

The Elmvale 4-H Dairy Club had its first meeting on Sunday April 24, 2022. It was held at Robins Holsteins (The Robinson Family Farm). We have 15 members. We are excited to start our club and we are really looking forward to showing at Fairs again. Melanie Giffen led us in ice breaker games to get to know one another. Sydney Robinson was elected President; Andrew Jones was elected as Vice President and Carina Jones was elected as Secretary and Press Reporter. Owen Wright taught club members the attributes of how to pick your calf for our 4-H projects. Kevin Jones taught us how to measure a calf. Carolyn Jones taught the club members how to judge and the judging format. At the end of the meeting, we enjoyed snacks and chats. We are looking forward to our next on May 29th at Gerald Stone’s for more judging practice.

Carina Jones, Press Reporter

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MP Doug Shipley

Passport Canada services still experiencing delays

As countries around the world listen to public health officials and reopen their borders, Canadians are ready to travel for business, leisure, and to see loved ones again.

As our federal government continues to ease some travel restrictions, my office is receiving many calls and emails regarding passport applications.

Please note that Passport Canada is currently taking approximately two to three months to process new passport applications and passport renewals.

If you're planning to travel internationally and will require a new passport, please consider applying early to avoid delays. If you have questions regarding your application, please contact my office for assistance at 728-2596. Additional information is also available on my website: <https://www.dougshipleymp.ca/passports>.

Unfortunately, I have been contacted by many constituents who have had to cancel or reschedule travel plans due to delayed Passport Canada services.

The increase in demand for passport renewals should have been easy for the government to predict as more Canadians need to update their travel documents. Further, as this year is the ten-year anniversary of

implementing the ten-year passport, a predictable increase in demand was foreseeable.

As your Member of Parliament, I have signed a letter to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC) detailing the issues Canadians are experiencing and asking that immediate action is taken to address these delays.

Finally, thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for my Volunteer Week awards. It was amazing to read about the tremendous contributions volunteers have made to Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. Volunteers provide so much to our community and their work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for continuing to give your time and energy to so many important causes in our community.

As always, my staff and I are available to discuss any federal matters that are of concern to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Doug Shipley, MP
Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte



City Opens Applications for Digital Waterfront Parking Permit

Starting today, residents are encouraged to apply for their digital waterfront parking permit, which allows them to park for free at select waterfront locations in the city. The permit program will replace the hangtag waterfront parking pass system by making the pass available as a digital permit through the HotSpot app and website.

“Residents will enjoy the many benefits of a digital permit, like never having to worry about forgetting a hangtag pass again, or the ability to register all of their vehicles as there is no longer a limit to the number of permits per address,” says Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking. “Each digital waterfront parking permit will be tied to a specific licence plate, so the City can verify if the vehicle has a permit through the plate number, eliminating the need for a physical hangtag on the vehicle. Once their permit is active, residents do not require anything to enjoy free

parking at the applicable waterfront areas.”

Residents have almost two years to transition to the digital permit, with hangtag passes expiring December 31, 2023. For those unable to use HotSpot or prefer to apply in person, they can bring their documentation to Service Barrie (City Hall), where City staff will validate and set them up in HotSpot.

To apply for the digital permit, residents will need their vehicle ownership information and proof of residency documentation (i.e. driver's licence, utility bill, cell phone bill, lease agreement, etc.).

Residents and non-residents can follow the detailed instructions available at barrie.ca/WaterfrontParking to apply for their digital permit/s through the HotSpot app or website (htsp.ca).

Key facts about the digital waterfront parking permit program:

- Like the hangtag pass, the digital waterfront

parking permit is free for Barrie residents. For non-Barrie residents, costs will remain the same as the previous hangtag waterfront parking pass.

- For residents applying for the digital permit, HotSpot is free to use, and no payment information is required.

- Digital waterfront parking permits for residents are valid for two calendar years (for non-residents, one calendar year). Registered users will receive a reminder to renew ahead of their permit expiry.

- The digital permit program offers expanded customer service, with HotSpot's frontline support to assist with technical concerns.

More details on the program are available at barrie.ca/WaterfrontParking, and a list of the locations where the waterfront parking permit is valid is available at barrie.ca/ParkingMap.

More more information visit barrie.ca/parking.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon



Anten Mills CRA
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MOVIE NIGHT

FREE
Friday, May 27
Anten Mill Community Centre

Bring the family and
friends, blanket, lawn
chairs and popcorns or
snacks for the fun
evening movie
watching event.

Did you do it? Did you remember to circle Friday May 27th on your calendar and save the date? If you didn't it's not too late. You don't remember why you were to put a placeholder on that date? Well the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association in association with 8 80 Cities are going to have a Family Movie Night. Who are 8 80 Cities? 8 80 Cities are the consulting group that the Township of Springwater has engaged to gather information on the Community Hub that will eventually be built at the intersection of Bayfield St and Snow Valley Rd. Already in the works for this location are a new fire station headquarters, a paramedic base for the County of Simcoe and in the future a new library. But what else could this property have on it that everyone in the township could use? That's where you come in. Should it have a therapy pool so that seniors and others with ailments can receive quality recreation programs in a warm environment? How about a woodcrafters workshop with wood working tools to allow the creativity of inspiring woodcrafters to work on their creations? Perhaps a curling rink, a couple of pickleball courts and a twin ice pad so that as a community we have those recreation facilities in our municipality instead of traveling to other locations. What should the outside grounds look like? Would an amphitheater enhance the location and allow for concerts and other events? How about a bike track or skateboard park? Should it be landscaped with native plants to encourage and keep alive our pollinators and recognize the heritage associated with the area?

Perhaps community garden space and walking trails that intersect with other nearby trails. These are just some of the many ideas that can be suggested along with others you and members of your family can make and do so in person at the Family Movie Night on May 27.

Through some generous donations this just isn't going to be a movie night. This will be an interactive evening for people of all ages. Rad Adventures is going to have their super fun rad bike trax there. The track will have rad rollers, big kahunas and rad launchers. This fun track will have the kids and perhaps some adults, biking with lots of energy and laughs. Have you wondered about getting a woodfired pizza oven and how delicious the food could be but didn't know where to learn more? Outdoor Pizza Ovens will have a mobile outdoor woodfired pizza oven on location so that you can observe how they operate and the food that can be created. Pie Wood Fired Pizza Joint is supplying the pizzas that are going to be cooked up that night, tasted and enjoyed. There will also be donuts from the Elmvale Bakery for dessert. And during the family rated movie, popcorn will be available thanks to the Springwater Library. All of this is offered at no charge so why not come? 8 80 Cities representatives will be there to talk to you about how you can help design and envision this new community hub that will be created for those from 9 months to 90 years of age. Wouldn't this be a great way to end the week and kick off the weekend in the village? The event is on Friday, May 27 from 6 to 8:30 PM when the movie will start. The location is the Anten Mills Community Centre and Park, 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd West, Anten Mills. All community members should make every effort to stop by and offer their suggestions and enjoy the evening. We look forward to seeing our neighbours from Minesing, Apto Ferguson and Phelpston there as well. Follow the Anten Mills Community Facebook page for updates.

The Movie Night will be the last of the engagement sessions before a report is drafted and presented to Springwater Council. If you are not able to attend there are other opportunities in the next couple of weeks. Check out the Township of Springwater website, Facebook page, Instagram or Twitter for details on how to speak with the representatives or complete the survey online. This is the future for our municipality, be a part of the future.

Last year Communities Connecting for Children ran their first Kids Got Talent event and they are back again with another virtual contest this year. Communities Connecting for Children is a registered non profit organization that a number of members from our community are involved with. In the past year they have purchased what was the Girl Guide Camp on Gill Road and are in the process of transforming it into a safe location where outdoor programs can be provided. The Kids Got Talent contest runs from May 1 to June 21. As a virtual event, videos are judged based on 3 different age categories from 4 to 12+. There will be weekly draw prizes along with First and Runner Up prizes in the 3 age categories. To get more information check their social media accounts or their website <https://communitiesconnectingforchildren.weebly.com/>

Our amazing community member, Marjan DeJong Deller raised over \$12,000 in the recent Hike for Hospice. Thank you to all who donated to Marjan's effort. We are proud to have such an outstanding individual in our community who helps those families facing the last days of life. Congratulations Marjan!

That's it for this week, plan to attend on May 27th and until then, Thanks for Reading and Be Well!

Storytime IN PERSON Events!

Mark your calendar for this special outdoor storytime event happening **Thursday May 26, 10:30am at Homer Barrett Park**. Registration is required.

Natural Pest Gardening Tips

Gail Cocker from Simcoe County Master Gardeners will teach us about natural pest control options for gardening. **Tuesday May 17, 6pm on zoom**. Registration is required.

Kids Take and Make: Clothespin Dragonfly

All the supplies you need are in these colourful kits starting **Friday May 27**.

Adult Take and Make Card: Father's Day

Supplies are available starting **Wednesday June 1**.

Krafting with Kathy: Dad's Secret Stache Bag

Decorate your unique bag with the supplies included then fill it with Dad's favourite treats! Available **Thursday June 2**.

PA Day Craft

Come to the Midhurst/Elmvale branches **Friday June 3** during open hours for our drop in **Rainbow Heart Paper Chain** craft in celebration of Pride month (also available as a kit to take home).

Summer Reading Program Registration

Hey summer readers, don't forget to sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club through the Readsquared app! We are so excited for a summer filled with reading, prizes and FUN! Registration opens **Monday June 6**.

Balloon Sculpture/Face Painting Workshop

Ages 8+, teens and adults can learn some balloon twisting techniques and face painting tips and tricks with Mabel Moon! **Tuesday June 7 (Elmvale Branch) 4:30pm or 6:30pm. Cost \$15 for a 1.5 hour workshop**. Registration required.

Knit 2 Together

Calling all "Yarn Divas" of all ages who love to meet and chat because let's face it, "Knit Happens". Beginners welcome! **Thursdays 6:30pm Elmvale Branch**. Please wear a mask.

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with Bat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

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ONTARIO LIBERALS WILL CAP CLASSROOMS AT 20 STUDENTS AND END THE CONSERVATIVES' E-LEARNING REQUIREMENT

Hiring 10,000 new educators to help get our students

Thursday, May 5, 2022 – This morning, the Ontario Liberals announced plans to cut class sizes province-wide, capping them at 20 students for every grade. Because capping class sizes will require more educators, the plan also includes hiring 10,000 teachers to ensure every student gets the focus and attention they deserve.

“Over the past four years, we’ve seen just how detrimental cuts to education can be to our educators and the future minds of the province,” says Barrie–Springwater–Oro–Medonte Provincial Liberal candidate, Jeff Lehman. “Our students and our educators deserve better – they deserve a government who works for all of us and that has a clear plan for learning recovery focused on smaller class sizes, larger investments, and dedicated supports for our students.”

As our kids try to catch up on learning lost during the pandemic, they need their teachers more than ever – but the Ford Conservatives’ budget slashed \$1.3 billion in much-needed funding for schools and doubled down on disastrous mandatory online learning. Ontario Liberals will reverse Doug Ford’s cuts to public education, putting a hard class size cap of 20 students in every grade, and will put an end to the Ford Conservative plan to impose mandatory online learning on students.

To reach the goal of hiring 10,000 more teachers, the plan also includes recruiting teachers from other provinces, helping qualified teachers immigrate to Ontario, and attracting some of the 80,000 Ontario certified teachers not currently employed by schools back into teaching. The Ontario Liberal plan will also support teacher education programs – particularly for French language educators.

For more information on the Ontario Liberal education plan, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3seJMaF>
For more information about the Team Lehman campaign, please visit: <http://jefflehman.ca/>

Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival



The award-winning Ontario’s Best Butter Tart Festival, the original and largest butter tart festival in Canada, set to return to Midland on June 11

April 29, 2022 – It has been more than two years since butter tart lovers have converged on the Town of Midland to savour thousands of butter tarts and the town is looking forward to welcoming everyone back on June 11.

The first festival was held in June 2013, and 2022 would have been the festival’s 10th anniversary had the COVID-19 pandemic not caused it to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021. Regardless of those cancellations, the Town marked the event with the sale of fundraising T-Shirts in support of the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation in 2020 and the creation of the Butter Tart Trail in 2021 in partnership with Cycle Simcoe.

“We are thrilled for the return of Ontario’s Best Butter Tart Festival in Midland this June. Summers haven’t felt the same these past two years not kicking them off with this sweet event,” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “Welcome back to Midland! Some things have changed since the last festival. King Street has been redesigned to be more pedestrian-friendly and its flexible configuration now makes it even more suitable for hosting large events such as this. I hope all attendees enjoy our new downtown main street and the sweet and savoury treats the festival has to offer!”

The award-winning festival is the original and largest butter tart festival in Canada and pre-pandemic was drawing 60,000 visitors for the one-day event.

“Ontarians love their butter tarts,” said Karen Mealing, Manager of Culture and Community with the Town of Midland. “And whether you like your butter tarts plain or with raisins, with a runny or firm filling, or vegan, gluten-free or nut-free, everyone will be able to find a favourite at our festival.”

This year’s festival takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes all of downtown Midland from Yonge St. to Bayshore Dr., and both David Onley and Harbourside Parks. Admission is free to all.

A highlight of the festival is the contest where both professional and amateur/home bakers vie for the title of Best Butter Tart in Ontario.

“The categories this year include traditional butter tarts which are plain, raisin, pecan or walnut butter tarts,” said Mealing. “And the second category this year is Wild Style, which is a butter tart with a non-traditional ingredient or two.”

While the judging takes place, festival visitors can sample the contest butter tarts. Judges cut off a small piece to taste and the rest of the butter tart is cut into

smaller pieces to be circulated among the audience by festival volunteers.

There is no charge to watch the judging and those wishing to take home full, intact contest tarts can visit Scotiabank on the day of the festival and purchase a mixed package of 6 for \$10.

Festival attendees can also visit the many downtown merchants who expand their businesses onto sidewalks in front of their stores and the more than 200 vendors selling everything from butter tarts to clothing, jewellery, home décor, personal care products, and hand-crafted items. There will also be food trucks for those who aren’t just making butter tarts their sole food source for the day.

There will be a variety of live music in Harbourside Park all day, including Francophone and Indigenous musicians.

While there are no COVID-19 public health mandates in place at the moment, festival organizers encourage visitors to wear a mask as the festival attracts a lot of people and they want everyone to have a safe and healthy experience.

Those interested in burning off a few calories can participate in the Butter Tart Trot, which is the yummiest race in Ontario and includes butter tarts en route. To register visit www.buttertarttrot.ca. All proceeds from the Trot support youth programs.

Visitors looking for more information, including free shuttles and accessible parking, should visit www.buttertartfestival.ca and follow the festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Festival quick facts

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Downtown Midland, plus David Onley Park and Harbourside Park

Vendor Marketplace: Downtown businesses and festival vendors will be selling everything from butter tarts to clothing to jewellery to handmade items. Food trucks will also be onsite selling other yummy delicacies.

Contest: Categories include Traditional and Wild Style, open to both professional bakers and amateur/home bakers. Traditional category will be judged from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wild Style will be judged from 1 to 3 p.m. Best in show is judged at 3:15 p.m. and all winners are announced at 3:30 p.m. Judging takes place in Rotary Hall at the Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King Street.

Entertainment: Visitors can enjoy buskers and other performers, as well as free live entertainment during the day.

Awards: Top 100 Festival and Event in Ontario by Festival and Events Ontario, February 2019

People’s Choice Award for Favourite Regional Festival by the Simcoe County Region Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association, April 2019 and April 2018.

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McKay Road West, Veteran's Drive Intersection & Roadways to be Closed for 20 Months Starting May 24

McKay Road and Veterans Drive intersection will be closed starting May 24 until approximately November 2023. The road closure is necessary for the construction of new infrastructure to support growth and development in the southeast section of the Salem Secondary Plan Area.

McKay Road will be widened to 5-lanes and include an urban streetscape with curb and gutter, raised medians, concrete sidewalks, a raised cycle track, and stormwater management improvements. In addition, McKay Road and Veterans Drive intersection will be expanded and upgraded.

The road closure will include McKay Road from 1 km west of Veteran’s Drive to just east of Hwy 400 and Veteran’s Drive from Salem Road to the 9th Line of Innisfil. The intersection of McKay Road and Veteran’s Drive will also be closed to all traffic. Local access to residents within the closure limits will be maintained for the duration of the project, however through traffic will not be permitted. Detours will be in place for the duration of construction.

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Tiffin Centre for Conservation



Located between Barrie and Angus, the Tiffin Centre for Conservation is a vital part of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. This 300 plus acre property is a four season destination for environmental recreation and education.

The Centre encompasses a number of distinct ecosystems within its grounds. Expect to encounter forests, wetlands, open meadows, ponds and ancient lake beds while trekking the 17 km. of looped trails. With such varied environments, come a variety of flora and fauna. Spring is an especially interesting time if you are by the wetlands or ponds as you will be greeted by a chorus of Spring Peepers. There is also a working sugar bush on site for all to enjoy. Autumn is especially beautiful for those seeking fall colour.

Education Programs are a big part of the Centre's efforts to foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural world and to gain knowledge of environmental issues. Pond Studies are especially popular. Programming takes place throughout the property and more specifically at the John L. Jose Learning Centre and outdoor classroom.

Camping is also possible for official organized groups such as Scouts, Guides, Cadets, religious groups and co-ordinated community groups. There is a minimum requirement of 20 persons and a maximum requirement of 100. Outdoor dry toilets are available as well as firepits.

Large open spaces are also accessible for group games and activities. It is important to note that no alcohol, tobacco or vaping products are permissible on site.

Tiffin is a wonderful space to host events such as birthday parties, weddings, special occasions and corporate meetings and events. The Centre offers the option of an indoor or outdoor space and the grounds provide the perfect backdrop for spectacular photo opportunities.

Summer Camp at Tiffin runs from July 5th - September 3rd and is open for registration. Camp is suited for children ages 5-12 and operates daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. During their stay, children participate in such activities as hiking, geocaching, nature games, shelter building and wilderness survival.

Two upcoming special events include the Arbour Day Tree Sale and PA Day Camp. The tree sale takes



place on Saturday May 14 and runs from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Native trees will be available on a first come first serve basis. The camp takes place on Friday June 3, 2022 and begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. Many activities are adopted from the traditional summer camp itinerary.

Parking fees do apply. Day Passes as well as Annual Passes are both available and money raised goes toward the NVCA and volunteer groups that help restore and maintain the property. It is \$10 per vehicle for a day pass. Pay on-site via Mackay Meters or pre-pay at home.

This truly is a unique spot. To find your way there, the exact address is 8195 8th line, Utopia.

For more information regarding the Centre call 705-424-1479.



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HEY DADS!



HEY DADS! Do you ever find yourself driving with your family when your vehicle starts to do something strange? Maybe a funny sound, maybe a funny wobble, maybe a funny smell. Maybe it's not that funny whatever it happens to be. We were flying down the highway with the whole family at a fair clip yesterday when a strange wobble occurred. Enough of a wobble that one of the inhabitants in the backseat said, "Dad something feels strange here." I'm glad we were almost at an exit so we were able to get off immediately. Then things started to fall into place. We saw a McDonalds then we saw a gas station with a working air compressor then I saw an auto parts store all within walking distance. Pretty much the perfect stop for a vehicle wobble inspection with 11 people.

I dropped most of the crew off at McDonalds and as they got out of the van they pointed to the flat tire. An easy fix. So I thought. I limped it across to the gas station and parked by the air compressor. (Do you find that 50-80% of those gas station compressors don't work? On one trip I had to stop at 3 of them before finding one that worked. Come on gas station guys let's get it together please.)

I thought a flat tire would be an easy change. Though I've never dropped my spare tire from beneath our full-size van it seemed easy enough. I located the jack and tools under piles of kids' clothes, toys, crumbs, and orange peels. Got the van jacked up the first time and noticed the nail in the tire. Problematic but should be a quick switcheroo. However, the spare would not lower all the way so I was unable to get it out from under the van. Trip 1 to the auto parts store was to buy some vice grips to see if I could manhandle that tire down. Nope. My 10-year-old son Sterling was at my side now and we decided if we were to figure

this out we should limp the van in front of the store. Close to supplies and auto mechanical knowledge sources.

I told Sterling this was a good adventure for us. I was trying to convince myself of the same thing. We paid \$1.50 to pump up the tire and get van from gas station to auto parts store in trip number 2. Get jack out and for the second time in an hour to jack up the van again. Sterling was able to help this time so my old arms got a bit of a break. Still no luck getting the spare tire out so I asked one of the auto parts employees to come out and see what he thought. This is where I learned a valuable lesson. Pay close attention dads! If you have a nail in your tire and are at an auto parts store you do not have to remove the tire and put on the spare! Glorious! Trip 3 into the store was to buy a tire plug kit. In about 10 minutes my new friend had popped in a plug, pulled out a little compressor and had the tire pumped up, good as new! However I still had a spare tire dangling beneath my van that was now moving neither up nor down. Trip 4 into the auto parts store was to buy a whole whack of bungee cords so Sterling and I could "secure" that spare tire hanging down there under the van. I didn't see any duct tape in the store or that would also have been a good option. At some point in this process I had opened my hood and noticed my brake fluid cap missing so trip 5 into the store was to get a cap. They had one in stock so that was another win! They let us clean up at the eye wash station and auto parts store bathroom during trip 6 inside and we were almost done.

Sterling helped me clean up the tools, store all the things we had just purchased, we thanked God that we were blessed to stop at such a convenient spot and we loaded up the crew from McDonalds. The trip continued successfully. Things don't always go as planned dad but that's all part of the adventure. Maybe you'll get to have an adventure like this with your family this summer. May your adventures take place in the parking lots of auto parts supply stores! **Time flies! Make every moment count!** *Jason Weening usually gets professionals to fix his vehicles but sometimes gets help from his 9 kids and one wife. For more automotive-related adventures on the side of the road check out heydads.ca.*




County of Simcoe Broke Ground on Important Campus Development for Seniors

The County of Simcoe will be broke ground on the Simcoe Village Campus redevelopment project on Wednesday, May 4 at 12 p.m.

About the Simcoe Village Redevelopment
On June 9, 2020, Simcoe County Council approved the first milestone to redevelop Simcoe Manor and Village in Beeton. On June 7, 2021, Council reaffirmed their commitment to proceed with the planned redevelopment into a leading long-term care and seniors services campus, and further meet the needs of seniors in southern Simcoe County. The campus will provide additional long term care beds, supportive seniors housing units and programs, an expanded continuum of care and living options, and a wide range of community services for older adults in one convenient location, allowing residents to age in place and receive the services and support they need as their care requirements change. This innovative seniors campus project will mirror the County's award winning Georgian Village Campus project, which was completed in 2013.

About the County of Simcoe
County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

STIs on the Rise in Simcoe Muskoka



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DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Sex and sexuality are important aspects of health and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) reminds the public that it is essential to protect yourself against sexually transmitted

infections (STIs) and get tested if you are sexually active or think you may have one.

From 2019 to 2021, the health unit saw a significant increase in STIs in Simcoe Muskoka, including a four to five time increase in the annual number of reported cases of syphilis. Prior to 2019, the number of cases of syphilis in the region averaged less than 10 cases per year but rose to 50 cases in 2021. Meanwhile the number of cases of gonorrhea reported annually also grew from 120 in 2020 to 265 in 2021.

"The increasing cases of STIs is a disturbing trend that we are seeing not only locally, but across the province as well. It is important to keep in mind that access to health care during the pandemic has been limited and the number of cases may be higher than we realize," says SMDHU Associate Medical

Officer of Health Dr. Colin Lee. "Many STIs can go undiagnosed as people don't always show symptoms or people don't recognize that the symptom is due to an STI and the only way to know is to get tested."

The health unit strongly encourages anyone who is sexually active, had a new partner or multiple partners in the last two years, engaged in unprotected oral, vaginal or anal sex, or has symptoms of an STI to contact their health-care provider, a walk-in clinic or the Gilbert Centre IncludHIV Care clinic at 705-790-6748 to ask about STI testing.

Testing for STIs can include a urine test for chlamydia and gonorrhea and a blood test for syphilis, HIV, Hepatitis B and C, depending on risk factors. Most STIs can be treated with FREE medication that can be accessed through your health-care provider.

You can reduce the risk of getting an STI by making informed decisions BEFORE having sex, such as limiting your number of sexual partners, talking to your partner and asking them to be tested, using condoms and barriers, and being aware of how alcohol and other drugs can affect sexual decision making.

For more information about STI symptoms, how the infection spreads, who is at risk, testing and treatment, visit smdhu.org or call 705-721-7520 and press #3 to speak with a Sexual Health Public Health Nurse

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2-years of weekly private lessons during COVID restrictions and a strong determination have pushed 16-year old Dalaynie Conn beyond her expectations as she was awarded her Level-2 Green Belt in the Chinese Art of Shung Long Kempo on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022.

Pictured here receiving her certificate and belt from Sensei Martin Ladouceur, Master Instructor at Double Dragons Martial Arts (705-322-6951) - a private training club in Wyevale for Juniors and Adults.



Sports with Patrick Townes



There has been a lot of discussion regarding playoff formats in different sports. Some leagues seem to be messing around with things that may or may not even be broken. I have always been a believer that the top team after a season or a round robin tournament should be put at a much higher advantage than other teams.

This could be in the form of a bye, or making the other teams play more games before they get a chance to beat the top team. This rule perhaps is most evident in a double knock out tournament where the team that has already lost a game must beat the undefeated team twice.

Curling had a great thing going in the page playoff system. The top two teams would play for the right to go straight to the final, and the losing team would head to the semifinals to get one more chance. This is a great system that awards both the top two teams following the round robin format.

The lower seeded teams are also forced to play more games before they get to the semifinals and the finals. The baseball wildcard system worked as well. However the higher ranked teams did not necessarily

have much of an advantage over the wildcard team, other than home field advantage.

Thinking back, there have been lots of World Series winners who came out of the wildcard spot.

The bracket and division system to me in the NHL does not work. There are too many great teams meeting in the first round, and it just doesn't seem the same without a group of teams fighting for the 8th spot before the playoffs. I believe the Maple Leafs would have played the Pittsburgh Penguins under the old system, which is still a really rough match-up, but that is expected in the playoffs.

It is tough to say anything negative about the Blue Jays. Although their offence is lagging behind, they have a great record after an extremely tough schedule to start the season. Anything around a 500 record would have been acceptable, Now, they are ahead of the game heading into a lighter schedule (and they still have all their games to play against the Baltimore Orioles).

The MLB season is 162 games. For the Cincinnati Reds, this season might just feel like 1000 games. They are in pace for around 22 wins which is really embarrassing for the team and the league.

Licence 2 Ride offers Barrie youth free summer access to transit and recreation

The City's Licence 2 Ride program offers Barrie youth aged 12–15 free rides on Barrie Transit and access to free recreational opportunities at the City's recreation/community centres throughout the summer season.

The program takes place from June 30 until September 5, 2022, and applications to the program are currently open.

"We're encouraging Barrie youth to learn about, try out and embrace City services like recreation and transit, in a fun and accessible way," says Steve Lee-Young, Manager of Recreation & Culture Programs. "The Licence 2 Ride program motivates young people in our community to participate in an active lifestyle by providing free access to recreation facilities, programming and transit services."

As part of the program, voluntary "Rider's Ed" orientation sessions will be offered to participants at the start of the program to educate on how to use Barrie Transit, and the City's recreation facilities.

"Through education, the Licence 2 Ride program helps youth become familiar with the transit services in our City, builds their confidence using Barrie Transit, and ultimately better prepares the next generation of transit users," says Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking Strategy.

Once the program starts, youth who have a licence can enjoy free activities throughout the summer, some of which include:

- Select drop-in recreational programs, including open gym, public skating, swimming
- Access to the fitness centres at Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield and Peggy Hill Team Community Centres (for those 13 years and older)
- Free rides on all Barrie Transit routes

Interested youth can submit a completed application form (which includes a parent/guardian signature), along with one piece of identification in-person at Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield or Peggy Hill Team Community Centres.

Application forms and more information on the program available at "Licence 2 Ride" via barrie.ca/transit.

Licences will be available on a first come, first served basis until June 30, or while quantities last.

To learn more about Barrie's transit services, visit barrie.ca/transit.

To learn more about recreation opportunities in the city, visit barrie.ca/recreation.



Bloomzin Elmvale

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Annie's Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly

Please note: If you're familiar with "The Common Book of Prayer", you'll find some of its words woven into this journal entry.

Although my heart is heavy as I observe the events and struggles that are happening around me, I find comfort in the first verses of Psalm 116: "I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live."

Many think that if someone does something for them, they should do something in return. That's not the thinking I apply here. I call upon the Lord because He's the one who knows me best and loves me anyway. His comfort, mercy and grace remain steadfast and sufficient in everything I face.

Sometimes, His answers come slower than I hope, but they always improve my life. Sometimes, in the waiting, God is doing something that takes time. Sometimes, something in me must change so that I'm ready for what is to come. All this to say that I'm willing to put the events and struggles that are happening around me into His loving care.

I'm grateful that our Heavenly Father inclines His ear to all who call upon His name. He is compassionate toward those who become unable to pray because of age, sickness, or infirmity.

He cares for the infants, guides the young, supports the aged, encourages the faint-hearted, collects the

scattered, and brings the spiritually wounded and wandering safely into His care. He travels with the travellers, defends the widows, shields the orphans, and heals the sick.

He's willing to deliver those held captive mentally or emotionally, and those living in any combination of mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical abuse.

He's with those held hostage, being tortured, or martyred because of their race or their faith; with prisoners and those in tribulation, great need, or distress. He comforts those whose hearts overflow with grief. He helps us overcome our fears.

He remembers for good all those who have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them and those whom we've forgotten. He's the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of those who are sick in heart, mind, soul, or strength; those unable, or unwilling, to love their neighbour as themselves.

He helps us love as He loves. He forgives us when we ask. When we put our hope in His word, those who fear Him can find in us a cause for joy. His unfailing love comforts all who call upon His name. He unites us with all who love Him, regardless of how we may differ in looks or culture. He knows each person's need. He hears and answers every prayer according to His merciful loving-kindness.

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Have you ever wondered how robins know when to leave their seasonal homes before the weather gets colder, or when to return again? When they return, how do they know to build a nest, and how? What drives juvenile sockeye salmon to remain in fresh water until they are ready to migrate to the ocean, sometimes covering a distance of up to 1,600 kilometres and then dying after they spawn? What drives baby turtles to make their way to the sea after hatching?

Or how do bears know when to hibernate and when to awaken again from their long winter's nap? Although scientists label these fixed patterns of behaviour as instinct, they were really implanted by their Creator.

What drives women and men in the police force to risk their lives to bring order and safety to the lives of strangers? What drives firefighters to enter burning buildings in order to save other human beings from harm? And what drives young men and women to join the armed forces and then sacrifice their lives for our freedom? The willingness of people to risk their lives on behalf of others is a desire that is also implanted in us by our Creator. We were created in God's image, and deep in His heart exists an undying love for His precious human beings. Christ's passion for the human race ended on a cross. He freely sacrificed Himself for us so that we may become Christ's vessels on earth to bring peace, forgiveness, and healing into a world in dire need of love.

Prayer: Lord God, fill our hearts with love towards each other. Ignite our hearts with a passion to step out of our comfort zones in order to help our fellow human beings. Direct our daily walk. Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is fear, may we be vessels of understanding and relaters of forgiveness and love. We thank You for the women and men who have sacrificed their lives for Your kingdom to come. **Amen.**

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Some approach life like a person in a cold house, who goes outside and yells at the winter, then comes back in and sits dejectedly, perhaps angrily, shivering and lamenting the unfairness of it all, rather than turning up the heat, building a fire, or moving to a warmer climate. They may tell everyone who comes to visit how terrible the coldness is, and how unfair life is. In fact, they may rarely speak of anything else.

Those who choose to share in the misery and reinforce this kind of thinking may feel that they are helping, but they are not. Yes they are supporting the person, but they are supporting them in staying stuck, helpless, and bitter. Some get so drawn in that they also go out and yell at the winter, and at anyone they feel may be responsible for the winter. The weatherman is on the hit list because he described the weather conditions accurately, and maybe even predicted winter. This is polarity thinking (good guy/bad guy; right/wrong) and is at the source of a lot of human misery.

The pain that one feels when thinking this way is not caused by what's out there, it is caused by his/her own way of thinking. Developing emotional maturity means recognizing that we have choices in how we choose to think about things. The two-year-old can only think one way about his toy. "It's mine!" He

thinks this because the toy is in his hand, not because he has ownership. The five-year-old may recognize that you have to share, but still do it grudgingly. By ten, a child may willingly choose to share, because he is learning the give and take of life, and he wants to be fair. Then at fifteen, the child may give a possession to a friend out of love and caring. By eighteen, he might purchase toys to give to others he doesn't even know. At forty he might head up a campaign to raise funds for the homeless.

There is a hierarchy in thinking, not just about sharing, but about all human interactions, and the greater our access to the higher levels, the more mature we are. We also need to be able to recognize when we are functioning at the lower levels so that we do not live our lives in a constant tantrum state. Tantrums might work for a while, but sooner or later people resort to the common wisdom about these behaviors, which is to ignore, step over, and move away.

So if you feel you are caught in polarity thinking, try to broaden your perspective, or ask a trusted friend to really help you to explore aspects of the situation you might be missing. If you can only see it one way, you haven't got all the learning that the situation has come to teach you. So, it, or another one like it, may come to you again.

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Miscellaneous items in sale includes: Lawrence Edwards 3pth pto driven buzz saw (like new), Pro Line 225 G gas welder generator with electric start, 3 ½ ton Power Fist floor jack, Energy 3 pth vertical hydraulic driven wood splitter, Wikomi 3 pth 14” post hole auger, Allied 3 pth 6’ scraper blade, used hay tarps, small portable livestock cage scale, variety of steel gates & feed troughs, Paige wire, suitcase tractor weights, Sila-Bac inoculant applicator tank with steel frame, forage blower pipes, grain aerator, pony saddle, portable chicken house, chicken feeders & waterers, sisal & poly baler twine, variety of pipe & scrap metal, electric motors, various hand & power tools, 200 gal fuel tank with electric Fill-Rite pump, J.D. ATV lawn spreader, jack-all, assorted chains, assortment of lumber various dimensions, cedar posts, 8’ steel truck rack (fits Ford long box), Quicor mailbox unit, Beaver 10” table saw, DeLaval receiver jar plus miscellaneous relatable milkhouse items, cow hip lifter, etc.

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Thursday, May 12

Clinic location: **GO VAXX Bus – Askennonia Senior Centre**, 527 Len Self Blvd., Midland

Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Clinic location: **GO VAXX Bus – Washago**

Community Centre, 4361 Hamilton St., Washago

Time: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

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Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clinic location: **GO VAXX Bus – Penetanguishene Fire Hall**, 2 Robillard Dr., Penetanguishene

Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Appointments for the GO VAXX clinics may be booked up to four days prior to the clinic through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

The health unit continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations on a walk-in and appointment basis at the Georgian Mall, 509 Bayfield St. in Barrie from Wednesday to Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be booked through the vaccination portal or Contact Centre as listed above.

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The gifts, cards and well wishes were greatly appreciated.

The family of the late Benjamin Fordham, sincerely would like to Thank the town of Elmvalle, Ontario for honouring his Memory

We have learned that through tragedy and loss the goodness in people come out. The outpouring of kindness, donation's and support has been overwhelming.

We have felt the arms of a virtual community around our family as we move forward.

Bens love and attachment and wanting to plant roots in the town of Elmvalle was just getting started.

**Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to
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clinical practice. Pop-up and GO-VAXX mobile clinics will continue to be scheduled throughout Simcoe and Muskoka.

In addition, the COVID-19 Immunization Clinic at 29 Sperling Dr. in Barrie offers walk-ins and booked appointments from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Appointments may also be booked with the Couchiching Ontario Health Team Clinic located in the Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital Kiwanis Building - West Entrance 170 Colborne St., W.

When attending a clinic, individuals are encouraged to dress for the weather as they may be required to wait outdoors before entering the clinic. They are also reminded to bring identification (e.g., health card, driver's license, passport) a list of any medications they are taking, wear a loose-fitting shirt that allows easy access to the upper arm and bring any assistive devices as needed (e.g., scooter, wheelchair, cane). Please note, all persons attending a Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit community vaccination clinic will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be made available at the entrance to all our clinics.

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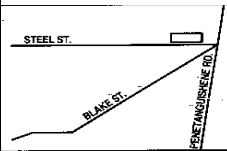


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THE OPP REPORT

OPP Officers Providing Speed Enforcement in Community Speeding and Traffic Complaint Areas for the Month of March

During the month of March 2022, uniform officers from the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to public complaints of motorists and commercial vehicles speeding and other related traffic violations on area roadways. Calls to the OPP Communications Centre and through the OPP Online Reporting have been recorded and acted upon as follows-

- Officers attended 53 complaint areas and issued 348 tickets and warned 206 drivers for their driving infractions.
- Officers conducted over 100 hours of R.I.D.E. check stops checking 2044 vehicles for signs of impairment along with trail side R.I.D.E. checks of 128 snowmobiles.
- 7 Charges of impaired driving were issued after investigation.
- 6 Drivers provided breath samples on a Roadside Screening Device (ASD) at those R.I.D.E. check stops.
- 2 Dangerous Driving Charges were issued after investigation.
- 1 Charges of flight from police were issued after investigation
- 3 Drivers were charged with driving while prohibited under the Criminal Code of Canada
- 3 Drivers lost their driving privileges and vehicles after they were stopped and charged for a stunt driving offence - exceeding the posted speeds limits as follows with the introduction of the Moving Ontario More Safety Act, also known as the MOMS Act to increase road safety.

The first change is an increase in the previous seven-day vehicle impoundment period to 14 days.

The second change is the introduction of a lower speed threshold for street racing offenders on municipal roads. On roads with a posted speed limit of less than 80 km/h, drivers caught traveling 40 km/h over the speed limit face racing/stunt driving charges (the previous limit was 50 km/h over the speed limit).

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please "Make the Call" and dial 911 and help prevent a crash. If you are heading out on the town, please make a plan to get home safely.

OPP Weekend Traffic Notes

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment were on patrol and responding to calls for service over the weekend on roadways here in North Simcoe. A motorist called the OPP Communications Centre at 10:53 p.m. May 6, 2022 after locating a pick up truck that appeared to have struck a utility pole on Rumney Road in Tay Township. Responding officers attended the scene and were unable to locate a driver at the scene.

An OPP Canine Unit and OPP Emergency Response ERT officers were summoned to assist



in the investigation. As a result, an individual with injuries was located by the Canine Unit in the bush and was taken into custody for investigation and treatment of his injuries.

As a result of this investigation and a further investigation of the involved vehicle Brendan Arthur HRYNCZAK 22 years of Midland has been charged with the following offences.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Failure to stop after accident
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and further
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine Contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act

The accused was released on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 20, 2022.

On May 7, 2022 an OPP officer while conducting traffic related duties on Simcoe County Road 6 in the Village of Wyevalle, Tiny Township summoned to Provincial Offences Court a 22 year old female of Tiny Township after stopping her vehicle for allegedly speeding along at 112km/hr in an 50 km/hr zone.

The individual has lost her driving privileges for 30 days and her vehicle was towed and impounded for 14 days as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines

The Ministry of Transportation has also recently enacted further sanctions on stunt drivers.

OPP officers also conducted six Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere R.I.D.E. spot checks in random locations checking 103 drivers and vehicles in the interest of road safety.

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please "Make the Call" and dial 911 and help prevent a crash. If you are heading out on the town or on the trails, please make a plan to get home safely.

Noisy Exhaust Enforcement Leads OPP to Issue Numerous Offence Notices

OPP officers of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment have been recently taking an enforcement stance on vehicles with noisy exhaust systems which has had resulted in some interesting charges being issued.

An OPP officer stopped a GMC pick up truck on Galloway Boulevard, Midland near 9:52 p.m. May 5, 2022 while on patrol for a traffic violation. The stop and ensuing investigation of the driver and vehicle resulted in the following Provincial Offences Court Notices for May 19, 2022 being served to a 19 year old male of Penetanguishene.

- No muffler - motor vehicle
- Drive with headlamp coated
- Defective brakes
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle
- Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act and further
- Owner - operating vehicle - missing emission control equipment
- Contrary to the Environmental Protection Act
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance

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- Contrary to the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act

On May 4, 2022 at 1:35 a.m. an OPP officer on patrol on Fuller Avenue, Midland stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. As a result of this roadside investigation, a 40 year old male of Elk Lake was served a notice to appear before the Provincial Offences Court for Driving while under suspension contrary to the Highway traffic Act

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please "Make the Call" and dial 911 and help prevent a crash. If you are heading out on the town or on the trails, please make a plan to get home safely.

Reporting to Canadian Anti Fraud Centre and Police Pays Off in Crypto Fraud Investigation

On March 17th, 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) were able to recover a \$17 000 fraudulent Bitcoin transfer associated to a crypto investment scam. This recovery is an example of how important it is to report to both CAFC and local police.

Warning Signs

- Investment opportunities with higher than normal returns.
- Unsolicited telephone, email or social media investment offers.
- Displays of urgency so you don't miss out.
- An individual met on a dating or social media website who quickly attempts to convince you to invest into cryptocurrency.
- A friend tells you about a cryptocurrency investment opportunity via social media or email.

How to Protect Yourself

- If you receive a suspicious message from a trusted friend, reach out to them through a different means of communication to confirm that it is them.
- Verify if the investment companies are registered with your Provincial Securities Agency or the National Registration Search Tool (www.aretheyregistered.ca).
- Prior to investing, ask for information on the investment. Research the team behind the offering and analyze the feasibility of the project.
- Be wary of individuals met on dating or social media who attempt to educate and convince you to invest into cryptocurrency.
- Beware of fraudsters asking you to open and fund new crypto accounts. They will direct you to send it to wallets they control.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, you should still report the incident to the CAFC



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Garlic Mustard at Tiny Marsh

From M-T-M Conservation Association
Volunteers are needed to pull Garlic Mustard at Tiny Marsh in May and June.

Dates and times of the pulls are driven by volunteer availability. We used to have specific Garlic Mustard pull dates but we now have a system where people decide when they want to come, they let us know and we at M-T-M put groups together, directing volunteers to the appropriate site, making sure that at least one experienced puller is present and providing bags for the unwanted weed.



Why get rid of Garlic Mustard? Don't be deceived by the pretty white flowers, this plant is a bully. It crowds out native species like trilliums and changes the chemistry of the soil to stop other species from germinating. This means a slow decline for a forested area as trees are no longer able to reseed themselves.

In 2017, we planted 1,500 native species in a badly infested field,

and these plants – Oswego Tea Beebalm, Common Milkweed, Cup Plant and more – are beginning to become established and take over from the Garlic Mustard. But they still need help. Pull sessions last up to three hours and working conditions, featuring an audience of appreciative birds, are very pleasant. Some volunteers come several times in the season, some come once, all are very welcome.



If you are able to help, email info@mtmconservation.org. We meet in the parking lot of the Nature Centre on the Flos Tiny Townline. On pull days, there will be a sign to the area being worked on.

If you come, here's what you need: Bug protection, hat, closed footwear, long pants, long-sleeved shirt. Gloves are an option. A small shovel or fork can be helpful, we have a few but bring your own if you have one. Also bring water for yourself.

pictures shown: source wikipedia

Native tree and shrub seedlings available at Arbour Day Tree Sale

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is hosting its 30th annual Arbour Day Tree Sale at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation on May 14, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until sold out.

The trees are bare root stock, and are sold in bundles of 10 for \$30 per bundle. This year's sale features a variety native of trees and shrubs, including: White and red pine, Norway and white spruce, white cedar, European larch, silver maple, nannyberry, American highbush cranberry, sugar maple, red oak, black walnut and sycamore. Quantities are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

"NVCA's Arbour Day Tree Sale is a 30-year tradition," said Rick Grillmayer, Manager of Forestry at NVCA. "It all started when we received requests from property owners who didn't have room to plant acres of trees. But the people who planted trees from our first sale already have a small forest!"

All proceeds from the event support NVCA's forestry program. This year, the forestry program will see more than 120,000 trees planted across the watershed. These future forests will help to moderate the effects of both drought and flooding, reduce soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and mitigate climate change. They are also an important economic resource.

"Every year, we have lineups before the doors open and we usually sell nearly half of our trees in the first hour," continued Grillmayer. "The popular species are normally sold out in the first wave, so I urge everyone to come early!"

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation is located at 8195 8th Line of Essa, 10 minutes away from Barrie and Angus.

For more information on the Arbour Day Tree Sale, visit nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479.

World Migratory Bird Day

In 1993 the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center initiated what has now become a worldwide celebration on World Migratory Bird Day to focus public attention on the dire need to protect, maintain, and enhance food sources and habitat for birds.

This year World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on May 14 and again in October. Eleven ambassador species of migratory birds have been chosen including the Baltimore oriole, western tanager, Wilson's warbler, and burrowing owl.

For Migratory World Bird Day a number of bird focused events have been planned by members of Nature Barrie and others.

James Coey from Nature Barrie has planned the following activities:

Knowledgeable field naturalists will be leading participants on free guided walks at Hewitt Creek, North Kempenfelt Bay, Bear Creek Eco-Park, Sandy Hollow Buffer, Sunnidale Park, and the South Shore.

Register at jcoey@rogers.com

At the Community Gardens Celebration at Lampman Lane Park on May 14 from 1-3 pm, members from Nature Barrie will host a display table with pertinent bird friendly information and a variety of activities, and given the opportunity to win a children's bird book and decals for bird prevention collisions on windows.

To celebrate World Migratory Bird Day, the Friends of Minesing Wetlands will be hosting an Introduction to Birding Basics event at the Waterfowl Viewing Platform May 14th 1 pm – 3 pm.

The 12' - high Waterfowl Viewing Window offers a bird's eye view of the wetland and a myriad of waterfowl.

This year the World Migratory Bird Day, May 14, 2022 will focus on Light Pollution.

The theme will be Dim The Lights For Birds At Night.

Did you know most songbirds migrate at night?

Bright lights at night can easily draw birds off their intended migration flyway.

They frequently fly into buildings and often die agonizing deaths from the impact.

Vibrant lighting can also become an arousing signal to begin migration way too early.

Lights can also lead migrating flocks far off the course of their intended destination.

In Canada, every year an astounding 22.4 million birds die needlessly by collisions with houses!

Another 2.5 million die from collisions with low rise and high rise buildings.

You can take simple steps to prevent bird collisions with your window panes.

* Turn off any lights inside when they are not in use -particularly in empty office buildings

* Close curtains and blinds.

* LEDs and compact fluorescent (CFLs) warm-coloured bulbs will help reduce collisions.

Studies have shown that blue and green lights attract more birds than red, orange and yellow.

* Dimmers, motion sensors, and timers can help to reduce average illumination level.

* Put bird decals on the outside surface of the window glass.

Always place decals about 1 hand's distance away from each other -1 to 2 bird decals on the window will not deter birds.

* Put a film on the outside of your windows.

Most window films allow light inside while still appearing opaque and reflective to birds.

* Install exterior sun shades.

They will block the reflection of sunlight and create shade over the windows, making it easier for birds to spot the glass.

* Place bird feeders and baths more than 10 metres (30 feet) away from windows.

* Hang wind chimes in front of the window.

Look for wind chimes that contain shiny objects. Since mid-rise and tall buildings cause the death of 2.5 million birds a year, FLAP – Fatal Light Awareness Program has been working in Canada since 1993 to raise awareness and worked tirelessly to convince governments to pass necessary legislation for new building codes that will reduce bird collisions.

Every little action you take to help decrease the alarming decline of birds will help all of us, as we are all connected.



Realtors® Call on All Provincial Parties to Save the Dream of Home Ownership in Ontario

With the Canadian dream of home ownership on life support in Ontario, Ontario REALTORS® are calling on all political parties and candidates running in the 2022 Ontario election to prioritize housing policies that will ensure future generations have a shot at owning a home.

"As of March, ten out of 36 real estate markets in Ontario had an average home price over a million dollars, and six others are on the verge of breaking the million-dollar mark. High-prices are driving young families right out of the province to find a home they can afford," said OREA CEO Tim Hudak. "Ontario stands to lose its edge as one of the most attractive places to raise a family or start a business because of the runaway cost of housing. For a political party to win in June, they need to show voters they have the solutions for Ontario's housing affordability crisis."

OREA's platform offers eight bold solutions to address Ontario's housing affordability crisis, including:

- Doubling the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) Rebate for First-Time Home Buyers - To keep pace with the rapid increase to housing prices, the LTT should be indexed to inflation and doubled from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

- Ending Exclusionary Zoning - Local zoning rules continue to hold back much needed starter homes that people can afford. The Province should use the Planning Act to implement as-of-right zoning in Ontario's highest-demand urban neighbourhoods to allow for the building of duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes on lots traditionally zoned for single-family housing.

- Getting dirty money out of Ontario Real Estate - The Government of Ontario should create an Ontario-made public beneficial ownership registry that would require home purchasers to identify themselves to land titled authorities to reduce instances of money laundering through real estate. "What used to be a GTA issue, is now a province-wide problem. Smaller, more rural communities are seeing rapid increases in housing prices unlike any other time in history," said OREA President, Stacey Evoy. "The housing affordability crisis will not fix itself."

Limited housing supply, pandemic-related factors, and changing demographics have resulted in skyrocketing housing prices across the province. Ontario home prices have tripled in the last ten years, but average household incomes have increased only 30 per cent. According to a recent affordability report from the National Bank of Canada, it would take 26.5 years – or 318 months – for a Toronto resident (making \$195,000) to save a down payment on an average priced home in the city.

The housing policies brought forward by Ontario REALTORS® will ensure that Ontario's housing affordability crisis is addressed through well-researched and proven innovative solutions.

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Whether you run, walk or ride, hop, skip or jump, any forward momentum you have chosen this Mental Health Week could help support those struggling with mental health and addiction problems through Get Your Mental Health in Motion.

One of Waypoint's signature past events, the May 2-7 fundraiser features wellness, mindfulness, music and physical activities the whole family can enjoy – all for free; ending the week with an exciting Choose Your Own Adventure virtual 5k fundraiser - walk, run, kayak, bike, paddleboard - the possibilities are endless.

"Movement is so simple, yet vital for our life," says Liz Everett, Recreation Therapist and Employee Wellness Coordinator. "Our bodies are designed to move in all different ways & when done daily, and with elements of fun, plays a huge role in keeping your body and mind strong and healthy!"

With a goal of \$25,000, all funds raised at this year's Get Your Mental Health in Motion will support the resurfacing of the outdoor sports area so the space can be used for multiple sports including tennis, pickleball, basketball, and shuffle board – giving patients an inclusive, outdoor experience to enjoy. "Patients from all walks of life and areas throughout Simcoe/Muskoka come to Waypoint to get help," said Carol Lambie, Waypoint President and CEO. "The funds raised at this year's event will help give them the opportunity to build skills, boost energy levels, enhance quality of life and quality sleep, and strengthen social connections through physical activity."

The week's activities are free for anyone to join, and the hospital is asking for just a minimum donation/pledge of \$25/person and \$75/family for the Choose Your Own Adventure virtual 5k.

You can support the event by making a personal donation, asking your friends and neighbours to participate or pledge you, becoming a sponsor, or supporting the amazing sponsors we already have on board. Every dollar brings us closer to offering more activities for patients to help them on their mental health journey.

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Virtual - Author Visit & Demonstration with Mary Berg
Saturday, May 7, 2-3pm



Join us for a special demonstration and author visit with Mary Berg, bestselling author of *Well Seasoned: A Year's Worth of Delicious Recipes and Kitchen Party: Effortless Recipes for Every Occasion*, the host of the CSA nominated *Mary Makes It Easy* and the Season 3 winner of *MasterChef Canada*! Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register and receive the online meeting information.

Virtual – Local Author Visit with Aliyah Beckles-Gaines

Wednesday, May 18, 7-8pm

Aliyah Beckles-Gaines is the author & editor of *We Are Here: Stories from Southern Georgian Bay BIPOC Women*, a book in which three local women share their experiences of racism, macroaggression and inequity in our Southern Georgian Bay community. Aliyah will read from the book and discuss the project. Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register and receive the online meeting information.

Tween Book Club

In person

Thursday, June 16, 5-6pm

Ages 9-12

Receive a special book box including your very own copy of our book club pick & other fun goodies that will help enrich your reading experience. Then, join us for a live virtual book club discussion, fun activities & special guests. Ages 9-12.

This month we're reading: New From Here by Kelly Yang.

Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register & reserve your spot.

Virtual – Drag Queen Trivia

Wednesday, June 15, 7-9pm

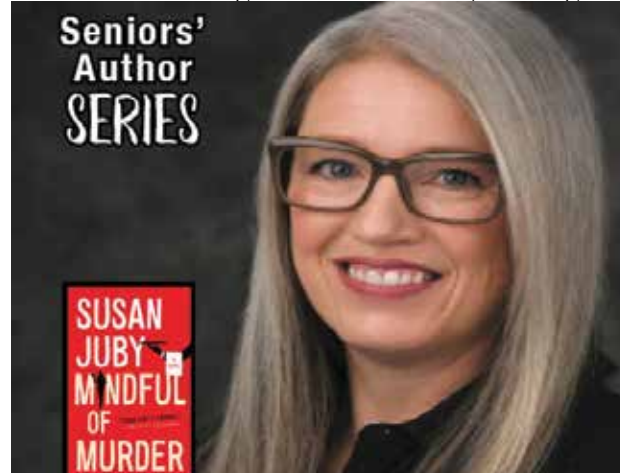
Ages 16+

Midland Public Library is excited to partner with six Simcoe County libraries for a fun game of online trivia hosted by E'Claire Devereaux and Carmen Del Rae, who in addition to being our MCs, will also be performing! Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register and receive the online meeting information. Space is limited. Register early.

Virtual - Seniors' Author Series – Susan Juby

Thursday, June 30, 2-3pm

MPL is celebrating Seniors' month by kicking off



our seniors' author series with award-winning author Susan Juby. Susan will be reading from her latest novel, *Mindful of Murder*, a cozy mystery following a smart, preternaturally calm, insightful, freshly trained butler trying to solve the murder and settle the affairs of her former employer. Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register and receive the online meeting information. Sponsored by Chartwell Tiffin House.

Obituaries



LINDA EMBRO (June 14, 1947 – May 1, 2022)

You probably knew her. Larger-than-life, she couldn't resist sharing a joke with a stranger, animating stories with big Sicilian gestures, or driving by a fabric store without stopping for a bolt of colour. Linda quilted stories, knitted us together, and spun circles around us.

Linda grew up in Guelph, travelled the world, and explored the Arctic before making Tiny her home. She loved her career as a teacher-librarian; it was her life's work to make children's lives more joyful – she shared her love of stories, made learning fun, led Friday night ski trips, and created a safe refuge in her library. When she retired, Linda dusted off her sewing machine, and poured her creativity and care into building Home Free, a children's charity. Between ventures, she swam her beloved Georgian Bay in sunshine and snow, rocked Vogue fashions (handmade of course), not once failed to make a home cooked meal, and championed reduce-reuse-recycle long before that was cool.

Her husband, Bryan, two daughters, Kristen and Jennifer, sister, Rae (Peter Marsh), extended family and friends are so grateful to have shared their lives with her.

Linda taught us to live joyfully and generously, and to always turn the pages "Upstairs, downstairs, in-the-next room". In her honour, you may consider baking cookies for an unsuspecting neighbour, taking a refreshing plunge in Georgian Bay, creating something beautiful, or making a donation to her beloved charity, Home Free (www.home-free.org). She'd love that.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to
www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com

Final Service at ST. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale

May 29, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

In 1851 (16 years before Confederation) a church work was established by the early settlers in Hillsdale.

For over the next 171 years the church has connected our community of Hillsdale as a hub of fellowship, community life and greatest of all worship.

In the past few years there has been an exodus away from church attendance in Hillsdale and across our communities. This has resulted in dwindling leadership. Prayerful thought and discussion has preceeded this difficult decision, made on April 25th, 2022 to dissolve the congregation at St. Andrew's Hillsdale.

The closing service will be held Sunday, May 29th, 2022 at 2 pm. We warmly invite anyone interested to attend this 'Celebration of 171 plus years of life' at St. Andrew's Hillsdale, 6 Mill Street West, Hillsdale.

In Memory



**In loving memory of
Gordon Leonard
who passed away on May 12, 2012**

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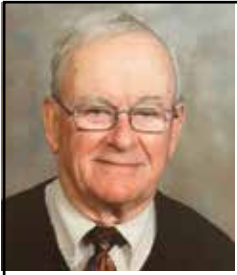
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GREENLAW, Wallace John

(Owner of Greenlaw Maple Syrup)

Wally passed peacefully on Sunday, May 1, 2022 on what would have been the Sunday following his most favourite day of the year, "Festival Day".

Wally Greenlaw of Elmvale in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Myrtle Greenlaw (nee Beamish). Dear father of Barry (Carrie), Bruce (Kim), and Peter (Wendy). Proud grandfather of Bradley, Kyle, Pam (Jaret), Shelby (Jeff), Tanner, Jacklyn (Pat), and Jesse (Candice). Loving great-grandfather of Brady, Aubree, Bryce, Peyton, Cooper, Carson, Amiya, and Adelyn. Brother of Bob (Pat) Greenlaw, Marg (late Bob) Maslen, and the late Ruthann (Floyd) Maw.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Funeral Service at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 1 pm.

Interment Elmvale Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Wally's memory may be made to the Elmvale Presbyterian Church, Friends of Sara Vista, or the Alzheimer's Society.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com.



HENRY, Ronald "Bruce"

Passed away peacefully at Sara Vista Nursing Home, Elmvale, on April 16, 2022, at the age of 69 years, with his family by his side. Son of the late Douglas and Edna "Dorothy" Henry. Beloved husband of Debbie (nee Hartley). Loving father of

Ben (Alicia), and Josh. Dear grampa to Parker, Abigail, Jaxon and Hailey. Caring brother of Merrylynn (the late Ken), Bob (Lisa), Leanna (Mario), Tim, Sue (Jim), Ross (Marie), Lissa (David), and the late Rick and John. He will also be lovingly remembered by his in-laws Cedric (Sharon), Christine (Cathy), Darlene (Joe), Shirley and Debbie and will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Bruce was a former resident of Hanna, Alberta, but was currently living in Phelpston, Ontario. Those who were fortunate enough to know Bruce, will remember him as hardworking, funny, and someone who could always be counted on to lend a helping hand. A car and motorcycle enthusiast his entire life, he loved jumping on his Harley and riding with the sun on his face and the wind at his back. Interests included hunting, trapshooting, playing his guitar, shooting pool, spending time with his family and being outdoors. A life-long fan of Marvel Comics and the Marvel Comic Universe, he was always a superhero to his family. Bruce will be missed by all who knew him.

In keeping with Bruce's wishes, a private cremation has taken place, and private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.peacefultransition.ca. If desired, donations may be made to Friends of Sara Vista. Special thanks go out to the wonderful, caring staff of Sara Vista.

In Memory

In Memory of Robert (Bob) Lambie April 25, 1931 - May 17, 2012

We cannot bring the old days back
When we were all together,
But secret tears and loving thoughts
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Midland Welcomes New Family Physician

Dr. Alia Ali



Midland is now home to a new family physician - Dr. Alia Ali. Having recently moved the Midland area, Dr. Ali is excited to welcome patients with her new family medicine practice, which also has a focus on obstetrical care.

Dr. Ali's first introduction to the Midland and area community was through working at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). In December 2021, she opened her doors at the Huronia Medical Centre, where she has taken over the practice of Dr. Richard Thomas. Dr. Ali has a passion for family medicine, women's health, medical teaching, working with marginalized populations, and issues of justice and equity in healthcare.

"I am very excited to contribute to both family health and women's health, while also practicing medicine at GBGH," says Dr. Ali. "During my short time in Midland so far, I have really enjoyed the area and all it has to offer. I am looking forward to contributing to the health and well-being of this community."

Originally from Pakistan, Dr. Ali moved to Canada in 2012 with her husband and two children. Dr. Ali completed medical school in Pakistan, where she also did four years of residency focused on Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Living in Alberta prior to Ontario, Dr. Ali also worked as a surgical assistant before deciding to pursue family medicine training at the University of Calgary. After two years of training, Dr. Ali also completed a year of obstetrical surgical skills at the University of Manitoba before moving to Midland.

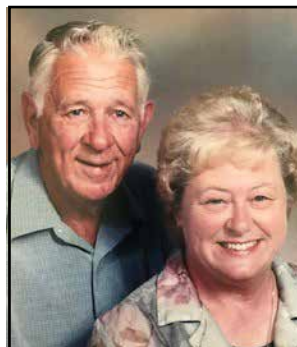
In addition to maintaining the patients of Dr. Thomas, Dr. Ali will be accepting a limited number of new patients to her practice. To learn more, please call 705-526-8482.

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Celebration of Life

John Chalmers

November 15, 1937 –
January 18, 2021

Margaret Chalmers

October 23, 1938 –
February 20, 2022

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Come ready to share memories, laugh at the good times, and remember the full life they lived. Beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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Elmvale Lions Day of Service



The Elmvale District Lions were out hosting a Clothing Drive and Eyeglasses collection on Saturday May 7th from 10am - 2pm as part of the Lion Chris Lewis Memorial Day of Service. Over 700 pounds of gently used clothing was collected for Canadian Diabetes in support of D-Camps like Camp Huronda. Camp Huronda is a summer camp located on the shore of Waseosa Lake in Hunstville for children 7-15 living with type 1 diabetes . They also collected nearly 30 pairs of eyeglasses for the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre. A program that provides glasses free of charge to those in need in developing counties. Many thanks to Lions Wayne, Diana, Jerry, Mark, Bill and Jennifer for their time, and the community for your ongoing support making this a successful event.

Elmvale Bike Night is back!!



The warm temperatures are finally upon us and once again Elmvale Bike Night is back!! Thursday nights at 6 pm, bike enthusiast are meeting up on the main street of Elmvale, starting in front of Steelers Restaurant and Pub. May 5th was our first Thursday night and we had almost 100 bikes out, which was amazing! We hope for beautiful weather all season long, so we can continue to see so many people join us. For the first time in a few years we can finally enjoy great food with indoor dining or on the patio

or if you prefer just hang out on the street and meet up with fellow bike enthusiast and check out the bikes. We are once again having our 50/50 draw with the proceeds from this draw going towards two organizations, The Elmvale Legion Branch 262 and the Elmvale Food Bank. A big Thank you to everyone for your continuing support. This event is open to all, so please drop by and help support these wonderful organizations and our local restaurants, Thursday's at 6pm.

Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



FLYING ON A WING....AND A PRAYER

I am lucky enough to have a brother that likes to fly. He bought a 1947 Aeronian Chief, single engine, two-seater that had been originally built in the U.S.A. but totally overhauled in the late 'seventies here in Canada. The plane had floats, so he would land occasionally on Orr Lake and take me up for a spin. I cannot step up a ten- foot ladder without getting dizzy, but I can hop in a tiny plane and fly around at 3500 feet with nary a qualm!

I was sad to hear he had sold the beautiful piece of history last year. With a few lessons under my belt, it was always a hope that some day I would be able to fly it over our little lake. As he still likes to keep up his hours, I count myself blessed when he calls to say he will take me up in a Cessna rental over at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport. That hour I will be available for, no matter what might have been previously scheduled.

It was quite windy (50 mph+-) but the wind direction was to our advantage (no cross winds), and we buffeted our way up through a bit of turbulence to the more tranquil air currents at 3,000 feet. I always breathe deeper, viewing the great expanse of Simcoe County and all the lakes, farmland, and forests as far as the eye can see. Increasingly, the countryside is



being dotted with small subdivisions and you get a birds-eye view of the tracks and trails along the rivers and through the forests. It feels as if we are floating ever so slowly over the landscape. Time slows and memories flow...bringing me back to a memory from a trip back in 1986.

My sis-in-law (more like a sister lol) and I decided to spend Christmas in Venezuela. We flew into the airport at Margarita Island and took a small commuter flight to our destination, Cumana. A few days on the sunny beach and we felt renewed. On the second last day, I was walking the beach and contemplating the

About thirty seconds later, a yellow slide practically flew out each door and several dinghies that seemed to inflate out of nowhere. I could barely make out ant-size people sliding down and collecting into the floating vessels bouncing on the waves. The plane, I could not identify, but it looked to be a DC-9 size which is often used for small commuter flights I believe. Perhaps this was a failed flight from Margarita Island? I can surely say it gave me pause about our planned return the next day to that same destination.

I stood frozen, watching, and wondering what I could do. No cell phones of course and they were so far out. Within about seven or eight minutes the plane pitched slowly forward and down into the depths of the ocean with lastly just the tail seen quietly slipping under. I had come out of my semi-shock and was running towards the hotel to notify staff or whomever might be able to contact the proper authorities. I estimated at least four or five lifeboats that could hold a dozen each. I prayed that they would all have made it out of the plane which could easily carry ninety souls. There were only the sounds of the waves lapping the shore and I could only imagine the terror these poor people had suffered on the fast-descending flight path to that huge thwack landing. I was never able to find out what had caused the near fatal crash on the ocean that day, but we did find out everyone survived. Thankyou God... Oh, and other than our final flight to Toronto being delayed (something about an airline gas credit card?), our trip back to snow-land was unimpeded.

Well, the Simcoe County tour had sadly, elapsed so we returned to the airport for a bit of a bouncy, buffeted landing onto terra firma! I so look forward to the next excursion and by then I will have a few more lessons under my belt and another story in the adventures of Mel.

Hope everyone had a great Mothers Day. I know I did!



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return to Canada and lots and lots of snow, when I heard a huge 'THWACK!!' Looking out towards the sea horizon, I could not believe my eyes when I realized a plane had crashed onto the ocean just miles out from where I stood!

I looked around to see if anyone else was seeing this event, but it seemed I was the only witness at this end of the beachfront. I squinted hard and with the aid of my RX sunglasses, I could see two side doors pop open.

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